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கனம் திரு. நல்லசேனுபதி சர்க்கரை மன்றுடியார் : வன விலங்குகள் எல்லாம் தூரப் போய்விடுகின்றன என்றுதான் கனம் அங்கத்தினர் திரு. சங்கரன் அவர்கள் கேள்வி கேட்டிருக்கிறார்.

தொழிற்சாலைகள் (வடாற்காடு மாவட்டம்).

* 220 கேள்வி.—**திரு. ஆ. கு. சுப்பையா :** கனம் கைத்தொழில் அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

வட ஆற்காடு மாவட்டத்தில் மூன்றாவது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்தில் என்னென்ன தொழிற்சாலைகளை ஆரம்பிக்க உத்தேசம் ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The following industries are proposed to be established by the State in the North Arcot district during the Third Five-Year Plan :—

(1) Expansion of Service-*cum*-Training Centre for Tanning and Finishing of Leather at Vinnamangalam.
(2) Tool Room Shop at Katpadi.
(3) Industrial Estate at Arkonam.
(4) Model Foundry Shop, Katpadi.

Electricity for agriculture (annual minimum charge)

* 221 *Q.*—SRI C. CHIRANJEEVULU NAIDU (on behalf of SRI R. S. VEERAPPA CHETTIAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) why a sum of Rs. 50 per h.p. per annum is being collected from agriculturists in the backward areas as Annual Minimum charges when the amount has been reduced to Rs. 35 per h.p. per annum; and

(*b*) if so, whether the excess amount collected so far will be refunded and whether any instructions have been issued to the authorities concerned to collect the reduced rate and to take agreement for 35 per h.p. per annum?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) An annual minimum charge of Rs. 35 per h.p. is being cllected in backward areas from agricultural consumers.

(*b*) Excess collections are adjusted against future current consumption charges. According to the instructions issued by the Madras State Electricity Board, agreements for only Rs. 35 per h.p. per annum are being taken in new cases coming up after 1st April 1960. In the old cases, bills are prepared only at the reduced rate of Rs. 35 per h.p. even though Rs. 50 is provided for under the agreement.

SRI C. CHIRANJEEVULU NAIDU : Sir, is there any proposal under the consideration of the Government to extend this minimum guarantee of Rs. 35 to backward areas which are very backward in this State?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : On the contrary, the Government are examining the feasibility of reducing the minimum guarantee of Rs. 35 in all areas.